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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application for:

Steven Teig, et al.

Serial No.: 10/066,060

Filing Date: 01/31/2002

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR ROUTING A SET OF NETS**

Examiner: Phallaka Kik

Group Art Unit: 2825

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE TO AN OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Examiner:

In complete response to the Office Action dated 12/20/2005, attached please find:

1. An Amendment and Response to the Office Action;
2. A Return Receipt Post Card;

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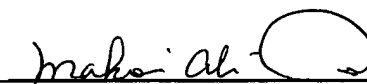
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ADDED CLAIMS	*	0	x \$50.00	\$0.00
ADDED INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	*	0	x \$200.00	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$0.00
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In the Attached Amendment and Response, Applicants have converted one dependent claim to an independent claim. However, Applicants have already paid the required fees that entitle them to three independent claim and 22 total claims. Accordingly, Applicants believe no additional fee is required. However, in the unlikely event that the Patent Office determines that additional fees and/or other relief is required, Applicants hereby authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this transmittal and associated documents, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 50-1128**.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 12/20/2005, please amend the patent application as follows:

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.